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13 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Paul H. Nitze  
The Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Review of the Greater-Than-Expected  
Soviet Threat

1. The responsible components of the Central Intelligence Agency have reviewed the Greater-Than-Expected Soviet Threat in terms of its feasibility with respect to Soviet resources and technology, as you requested in your letter of 3 June 1968. The results of their review are attached.

2. Last year, at the request of OSD (Systems Analysis), we examined the detailed cost implications of the Greater-Than-Expected Threat and are prepared to do so again. This will require more complete program definition, however, and probably should await completion of the remaining sections of this year's NIPP. *May* I suggest you have your staff continue to deal directly with the people in the Office of Strategic Research on this.

/s/

Richard Helms  
Director

Attachment: a/s

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